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Amendment  
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**REMARKS**

Claims 10, 11 and 15-17 have been allowed. Claim 10 is in condition for allowance except one formal matter.

I In response, claim 10 has been amended to correct a typographical error. In particular, claim 10 has been amended to recite "pumping optical signals" instead of "the pumping optical signals".

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the present claims are patentable in view of the cited reference. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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